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What is claimed is:

1. A universal mail module, comprising:
 - a plurality of email account information files relating to a
 - 5 corresponding plurality of email accounts of a wireless subscriber;
 - an email agent in communication with said plurality of email account information files, said email agent maintaining a logged-in condition with at least two of said plurality of email accounts; and
 - a selection module which accepts a selection of one of said
 - 10 plurality of logged-in email accounts for transfer of file information;
 - whereby said wireless subscriber may move back and forth between access to each of said plurality of email accounts without requiring repeated login/logout of any of said plurality of email accounts by said wireless subscriber.
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2. The universal mail module according to claim 1, wherein:
 - said selection module further accepts a selection of a
 - particular file of said selected one of said plurality of logged-in email accounts for transfer to said wireless subscriber.
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3. The universal mail module according to claim 1, wherein:
 - said selection module receives a menu selection from said wireless subscriber.
4. The universal mail module according to claim 1, wherein:
 - said plurality of email accounts are outside a wireless network servicing said wireless subscriber.
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5. A method for allowing a wireless subscriber to move access back and forth between a plurality of different email accounts, comprising:

5 configuring local email account information identifying each of said plurality of different email accounts to a universal mail application;

maintaining a logged-in condition with each of said plurality of different email accounts by said universal mail application; and

10 providing access to said wireless subscriber to any one of said plurality of different email accounts at any time based on a real-time selection made by said wireless subscriber;

whereby a wireless subscriber is allowed to move back and forth between each of said plurality of email accounts without requiring repeated login/logout in any of said plurality of email accounts.

15 6. The method for allowing a wireless subscriber to move access back and forth between a plurality of different email accounts according to claim 5, wherein:

said configuring may be performed by said wireless subscriber without customer service intervention.

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7. The method for allowing a wireless subscriber to move access back and forth between a plurality of different email accounts according to claim 5, wherein:

25 said universal mail application is resident in a gateway server of a wireless network servicing said wireless subscriber.

8. The method for allowing a wireless subscriber to move access back and forth between a plurality of different email accounts according to claim 5, further comprising:

forwarding menu information to said wireless subscriber
5 relating to which of said plurality of different email accounts said wireless subscriber would like access to; and

receiving back from said wireless subscriber a selection of which one of said plurality of different email accounts will be accessed by said wireless subscriber;

10 wherein a logged-in condition is maintained by said universal mail application with non-selected ones of said plurality of different email accounts.

9. The method for allowing a wireless subscriber to move
15 access back and forth between a plurality of different email accounts according to claim 5, wherein:

said plurality of email accounts are outside a wireless network servicing said wireless subscriber.

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10. Apparatus for allowing a wireless subscriber to move access back and forth between a plurality of different email accounts, comprising:

means for configuring local email account information
5 identifying each of said plurality of different email accounts to a universal mail application;

means for maintaining a logged-in condition with each of said plurality of different email accounts by said universal mail application; and

means for providing access to said wireless subscriber to any
10 one of said plurality of different email accounts at any time based on a real-time selection made by said wireless subscriber;

whereby a wireless subscriber is allowed to move back and forth between each of said plurality of email accounts without requiring repeated login/logout in any of said plurality of email accounts.

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11. The apparatus for allowing a wireless subscriber to move access back and forth between a plurality of different email accounts according to claim 10, wherein:

said means for configuring is instructed by said wireless
20 subscriber without customer service intervention.

12. The apparatus for allowing a wireless subscriber to move access back and forth between a plurality of different email accounts according to claim 10, wherein:

said universal mail application is resident in a gateway server
25 of a wireless network servicing said wireless subscriber.

13. The apparatus for allowing a wireless subscriber to move access back and forth between a plurality of different email accounts according to claim 10, further comprising:

5 means for forwarding menu information to said wireless subscriber relating to which of said plurality of different email accounts said wireless subscriber would like access to; and

means for receiving back from said wireless subscriber a selection of which one of said plurality of different email accounts will be accessed by said wireless subscriber;

10 wherein a logged-in condition is maintained by said universal mail application with non-selected ones of said plurality of different email accounts.

14. The apparatus for allowing a wireless subscriber to move access back and forth between a plurality of different email accounts according to claim 10, wherein:

said plurality of email accounts are outside a wireless network servicing said wireless subscriber.

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